

Public Notice of Application for Permit

Regulatory Division (1145) CEPOA-RD Post Office Box 6898 Elmendorf AFB, Alaska 99506-0898

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE:

April 17, 2007

EXPIRATION DATE:

May 17, 2007

REFERENCE NUMBER:

POA-2007-476-1

WATERWAY:

HUNTER BAY

Interested parties are hereby notified that a Department of the Army permit application has been received for work in waters of the United States as described below and shown on the enclosed project drawings.

APPLICANT: Boyer Towing, Post Office Box 8000, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901.

AGENT: Mr. Kent Halvorsen, Post Office Box 8000, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901; phone (907) 225-2090.

LOCATION: The proposed project is located within Section 6, T. 81 S., R. 88 E., Copper River Meridian; USGS Quad Map Dixon Entrance D-1; Latitude 54.8736° N., Longitude 132.3125° W.; on the southwest shore of South Prince of Wales Island, Alaska.

<u>PURPOSE</u>: The applicant's stated purpose is to construct a dock and float to provide access and moorage to enable and support future development on shore and utilization of the property.

PROPOSED WORK: Construct a 12-foot by 140-foot pile supported dock, with a 40-foot by 30-foot face, connected to a 6-foot by 60-foot gangway attached to an 18-foot by 120-foot float. The dock would be supported by ten (10) 12-inch steel piles, and nine (9) 16-inch steel piles. In addition, four (4) 24-inch steel piles with a total of eight (8) batter piles would attach to the float. The float would be faced with plastic or rubber fendering.

COASTAL ZONE MANAGEMENT ACT CERTIFICATION: Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone, Management Act of 1972, as amended by 16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3), requires the applicant to certify the described activity affecting land or water uses in the Coastal Zone complies with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. A permit will not be issued until the Office of Project Management and Permitting, Department of Natural Resources has concurred with the applicant's certification.

<u>CULTURAL RESOURCES</u>: The latest published version of the Alaska Heritage Resources Survey (AHRS) has been consulted for the presence or absence of historic properties, including those listed in, or eligible for, inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places. There is an unevaluated property in the vicinity of the worksite.

It has been designated **Hunter Bay Cannery (DIX-35)**. Hunter Bay Cannery does not lie within the project area, however, it is located in close proximity to the proposed project, therefore, a determination of eligibility and, if needed, a determination of effect will be made in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO). Consultation of the AHRS constitutes the extent of cultural resource investigations by the District Commander at this time. This application is being coordinated with SHPO. Any comments SHPO may have concerning presently unknown archeological or historic data that may be lost or destroyed by work under the requested permit will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ENDANGERED SPECIES: No threatened or endangered species are known to use the
project area.

Preliminarily, the described activity will not affect threatened or endangered species, or modify their designated critical habitat, under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (87 Stat. 844). This application is being coordinated with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). Any comments they may have concerning endangered or threatened wildlife or plants or their critical habitat will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

ESSENTIAL FISH HABITAT: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996, requires all Federal agencies to consult with the NMFS on all actions, or proposed actions, permitted, funded, or undertaken by the agency, that may adversely affect Essential Fish Habitat (EFH).

Preliminarily, the described activity may affect EFH in the project area. This Public Notice initiates EFH consultation with the NMFS. Any comments or recommendations they may have concerning EFH will be considered in our final assessment of the described work.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION: The Alaska District fully supports tribal self-governance and government-to-government relations between Federally recognized Tribes and the Federal government. Tribes with protected rights or resources that could be significantly affected by a proposed Federal action (e.g., a permit decision) have the right to consult with the Alaska District on a government-to-government basis. Views of each Tribe regarding protected rights and resources will be accorded due consideration in this process. This Public Notice serves as notification to the Tribes within the area potentially affected by the proposed work and invites their participation in the Federal decision-making process regarding the protected Tribal right or resource. Consultation may be initiated by the affected Tribe upon written request to the District Commander during the public comment period.

PUBLIC HEARING: Any person may request, in writing, within the comment period specified in this notice, that a public hearing be held to consider this application. Requests for public hearings shall state, with particularity, reasons for holding a public hearing.

EVALUATION: The decision whether to issue a permit will be based on an evaluation of the probable impacts including cumulative impacts of the proposed activity and its intended use on the public interest. Evaluation of the probable impacts, which the proposed activity may have on the public interest, requires a careful weighing of all the factors that become relevant in each particular case. The benefits, which reasonably may be expected to accrue from the proposal, must be balanced against its reasonably foreseeable detriments. The outcome of the general balancing process would determine whether to authorize a proposal, and if so, the conditions under which it will be allowed to occur. The decision should reflect the national concern for both protection and utilization of important resources.

All factors, which may be relevant to the proposal, must be considered including the cumulative effects thereof. Among those are conservation, economics, aesthetics, general environmental concerns, wetlands, cultural values, fish and wildlife values, flood hazards, floodplain values, land use, navigation, shore erosion and accretion, recreation, water supply and conservation, water quality, energy needs, safety, food and fiber production, mineral needs, considerations of property ownership, and, in general, the needs and welfare of the people. For activities involving 404 discharges, a permit will be denied if the discharge that would be authorized by such permit would not comply with the Environmental Protection Agency's 404(b)(l) guidelines. Subject to the preceding sentence and any other applicable guidelines or criteria (see Sections 320.2 and 320.3), a permit will be granted unless the District Commander determines that it would be contrary to the public interest.

The Corps of Engineers is soliciting comments from the public; Federal, State, and local agencies and officials; Indian Tribes; and other interested parties in order to consider and evaluate the impacts of this proposed activity. Any comments received will be considered by the Corps of Engineers to determine whether to issue, modify, condition or deny a permit for this proposal. To make this decision, comments are used to assess impacts on endangered species, historic properties, water quality, general environmental effects, and the other public interest factors listed above. Comments are used in the preparation of an Environmental Assessment and/or an Environmental Impact Statement pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act. Comments are also used to determine the need for a public hearing and to determine the overall public interest of the proposed activity.

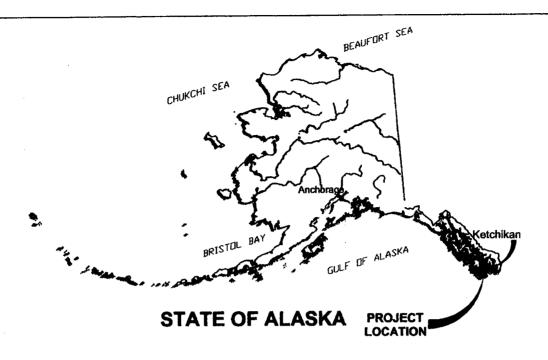
Comments on the described work, with the reference number, should reach this office no later than the expiration date of this Public Notice to become part of the record and be considered in the decision. Please contact Ms. Nicole Hayes at (907) 753-2712, toll free from within Alaska at (800) 478-2712, or by email at nicole.m.hayes@poa02.usace.army.mil if further information is desired concerning this notice.

<u>AUTHORITY</u>: This permit will be issued or denied under the following authorities: (X) Perform work in or affecting navigable waters of the United States - Section 10 Rivers and Harbors Act 1899 (33 U.S.C. 403).

Project drawings and Notice of Application for Certification of Consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program, are enclosed with this Public Notice.

District Commander U.S. Army, Corps of Engineers

Enclosures



NOTES:

I. TIDE BENCHMARKS FOR SITE AS FOLLOWS:

ELEVATION	<u>FEET</u>
HIGHEST TIDE	15.5
MHHM	12.7
MLLW	0.00
LOWEST TIDE	-2.5

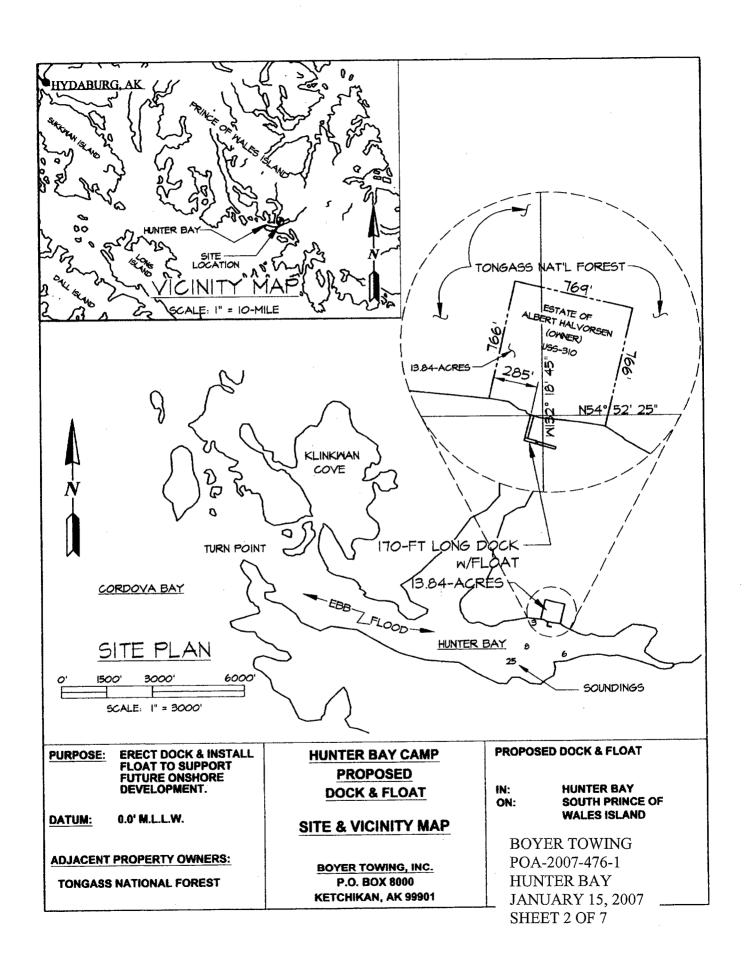
- 2. STEEL PILES TO BE DRIVEN TO REFUSAL. FINAL LENGTH TO BE DETERMINED AT INSTALLATION.
- 3. THERE IS NO EEL GRASS OR OTHER SENSITIVE FLORA IN THE PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION AREA.
- 4. TREATED LUMBER WILL NOT CONTAIN CREOSOTE.
- 5. ALL STEEL WORK WILL BE HOT DIP GALVANIZED.

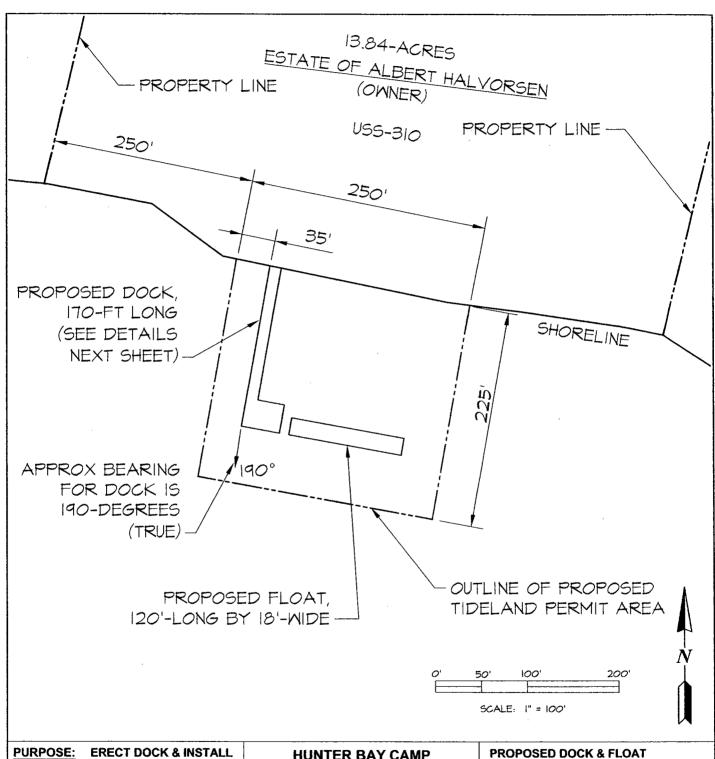
PURPOSE: ERECT DOCK & INSTALL FLOAT TO SUPPORT FUTURE ONSHORE DEVELOPMENT.	HUNTER BAY CAMP PROPOSED DOCK & FLOAT
DATUM: 0.0' M.L.L.W.	LOCATION MAP
ADJACENT PROPERTY OWNERS:	BOYER TOWING, INC.
TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST	P.O. BOX 8000 KETCHIKAN, AK 99901

PROPOSED DOCK & FLOAT

IN: HUNTER BAY
ON: SOUTH PRINCE OF
WALES ISLAND

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FLOAT TO SUPPORT FUTURE ONSHORE DEVELOPMENT.

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HUNTER BAY CAMP PROPOSED

DOCK & FLOAT

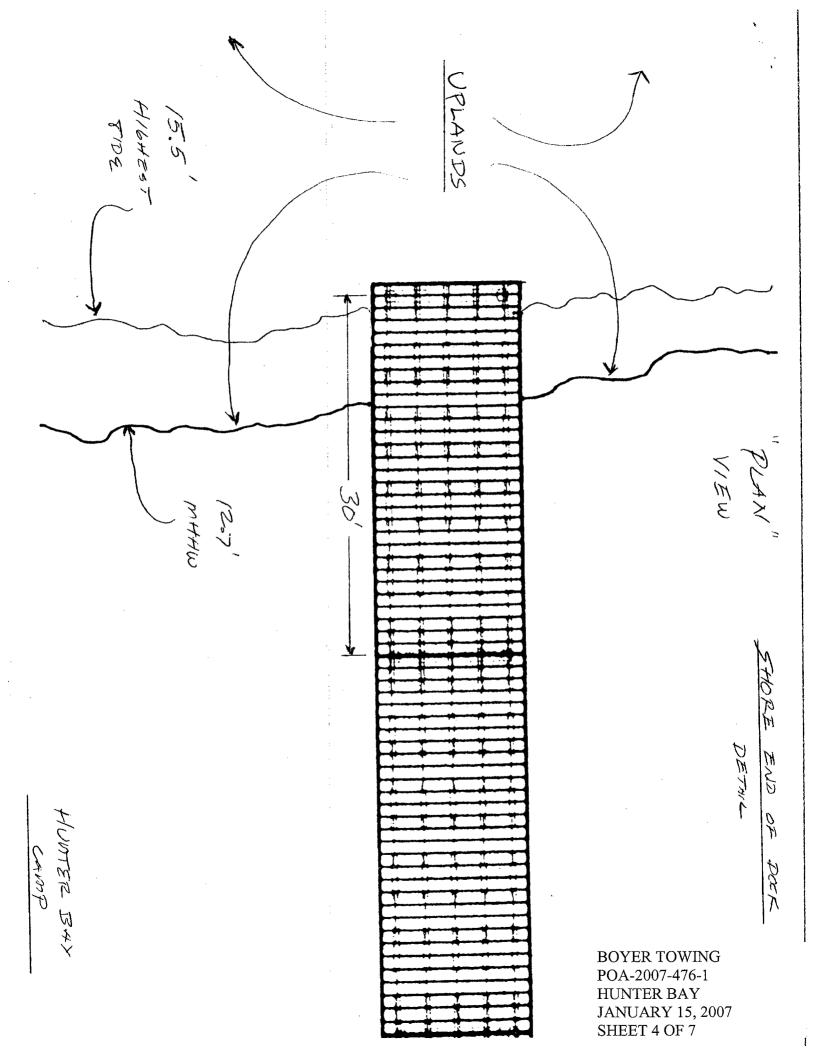
SHORELINE DOCK & TIDELAND PERMIT AREA

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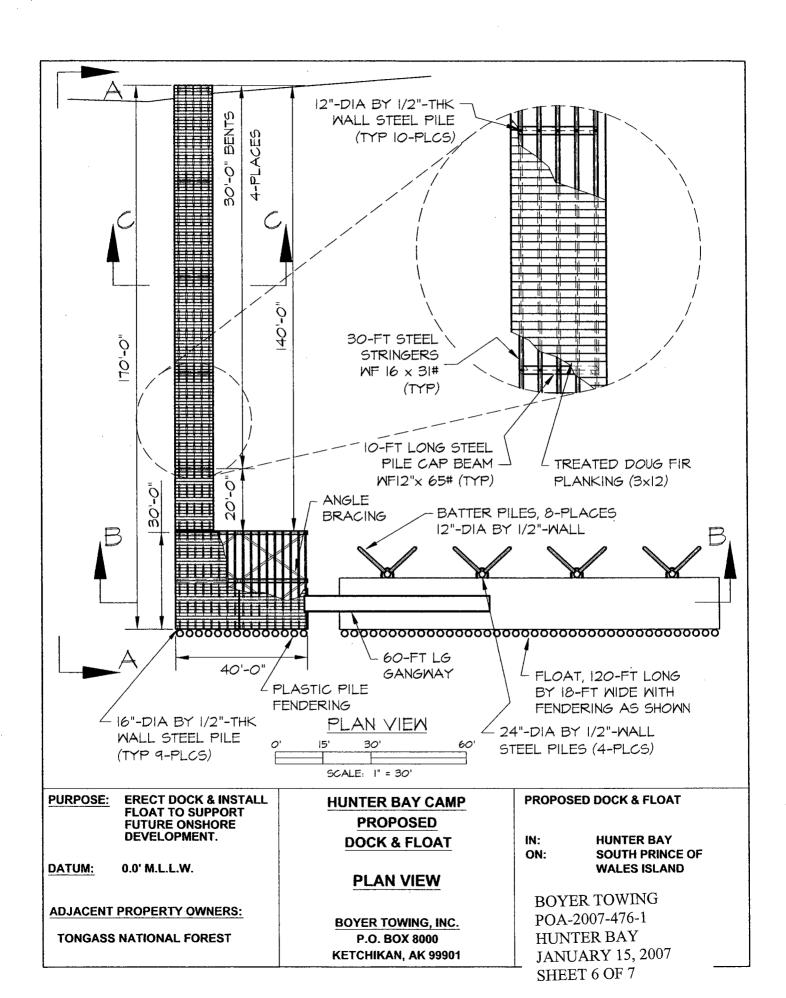
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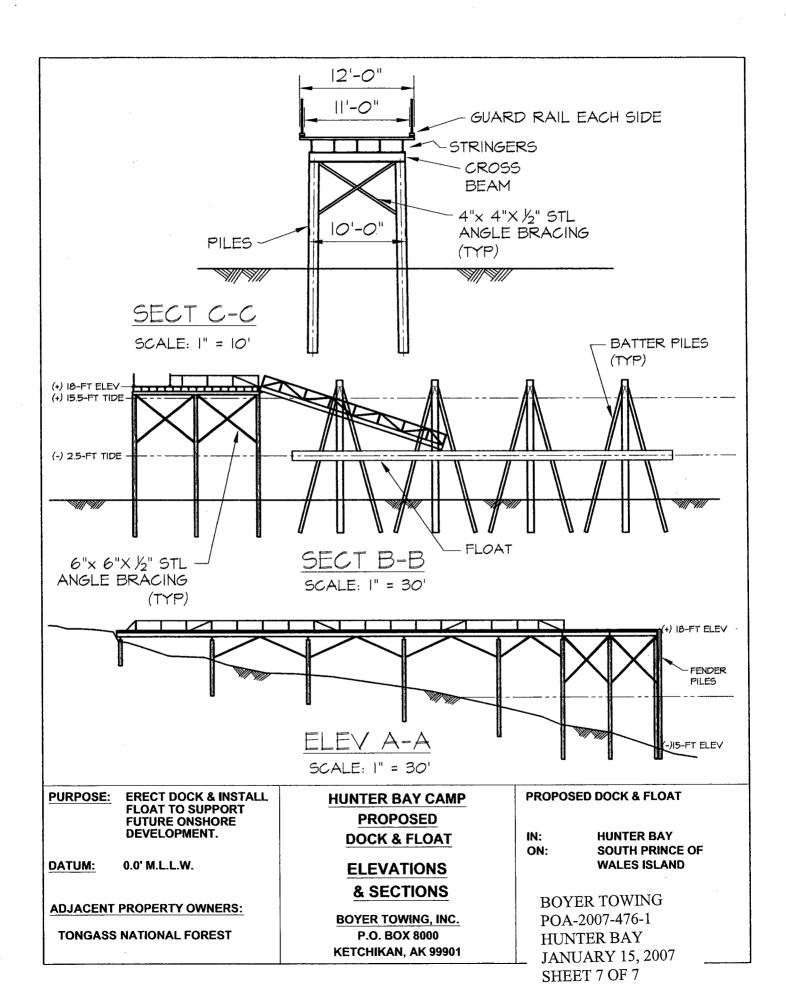
WALES ISLAND

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STATE OF ALASKA

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATION OF CONSISTENCY WITH THE ALASKA COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Notice is hereby given that a request is being filed with the Office of Project Management and Permitting for a consistency determination, as provided in Section 307(c)(3) of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972, as amended [16 U.S.C. 1456(c)(3)], that the project described in the Corps of Engineers Public Notice No. <u>POA-2007-476-1</u>, <u>Hunter Bay</u>, will comply with the Alaska Coastal Management Program and that the project will be conducted in a manner consistent with that program.

This project is being reviewed for consistency with the Alaska Coastal Management Program. Written comments about the consistency of the project with the applicable ACMP statewide standards and district policies must be submitted to the Office of Project Management and Permitting (OPMP). For information about this consistency review, contact OPMP at the address or phone number above, or visit the ACMP web site at http://www.alaskacoast.state.ak.us//Projects/projects.html.